

CHRISTMAS SHIP BEARS GIFTS FOR YOUNG PYTHIANS

TOTS REMEMBERED
LAST NIGHT BY SAINT
NICHOLAS

The good ship "Pythian Sisters," sailing from that unknown land to the north, with Santa Claus at the helm, have too last night and anchored at Argenta Temple No. 12, bearing all kinds of presents for the young Pythians of Tonopah. An elaborate program had been prepared as a fitting observation of the little whistled gentleman's arrival and also for the entertainment of the spectators who crowded the capacity of the Pythian hall, over the podium. The entertainers were the little tots, who were exceedingly pleasing with recitations, songs, plays and musical numbers.

The ship was the handiwork of Phil Recht and had all the appurtenances that go along in the make-up of a sea-going craft. There were port holes, smoke stacks, rigging and masts, and strung on the latter were endless strings of popcorn and other decorations. The presents were hung on the different parts of the craft, within easy reach of Santa Claus, who made the distribution with a lavish hand. To say that the little folks were well pleased, would be a mild description of the affair, for it was early evident that the youngsters were having the time of their life.

Nor were the presents confined to the younger set, for a number of the grown-ups were remembered, some with valuable presents, and others with bags of popcorn, the rendering of the latter providing an unusual amount of amusement for the children.

After all the gifts had been distributed, the assemblage indulged in a lunch which had been provided for by the committee in charge of the affair. Great credit is due the ladies for their able management and the success which resulted from their exertions.

The following is the program: Song "Jingle Bells," the Class Recitation, "Lloyd Swasey Recitation, "Santa and the Mouse" Recitation, "Grace Fowler Recitation, "A Week Before Christmas," Willie Peck Recitation, "Popcorn Song," Four Girls Recitation, "If There Was No Santa Claus," Ralph Stone Recitation, "Christmas," Mildred Swinn Recitation, "Willie Starr Recitation, "Fred Swinn Top Song, "by the Boys Recitation, "The Captain's Daughter," Lottie Mason Recitation, "Cecil Swasey Recitation, "Welcome to the Christmas Kings," Elizabeth Lynch Song, "How We Caught Santa Claus," Cecil Swasey, Lester Fowler, Delphine Fowler and Elizabeth Lynch. Recitation, "Give Us Little Boys a Chance," Lester Fowler Song, "Santa Is Coming," the Class

REMAINS OF DR. A. L. HUDGENS ARE AT REST

TONOPAH PIONEER INTERRED WITH FULL MASONIC RITES

All that was mortal of the late Dr. A. L. Hudgens was placed to rest Thursday in the city cemetery. The funeral services, held under the auspices of the local lodge of Masons, of which the deceased was a member, were conducted at the residence, after which the members of the order in their white aprons, led the cortege to the cemetery. The Elks followed and afterwards came a large number of friends and acquaintances. The full ritualistic work was performed at the grave and it was impressive to the extreme.

The high esteem in which the deceased was held by the citizens of Tonopah, was shown by the number who followed the remains to the grave. Many of the pioneers gathered and paid their last honors to the one who had many times benefited them during the early days of this camp.

William Forman arrived yesterday from his Oasis ranch. He will leave this morning for Reno, where he will meet his brother, James Forman, who is en route to this city from San Francisco.

WILL CONTEST SALE OF CARLSON MILL

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the mill of the Carlson Mining and Milling company, at Golden Arrow, was sold at auction in front of the courthouse, to Ed Clifford, Jr., who acted on behalf of the other owners of the Ellendale property. The sum obtained on the mill and tools amounted to \$2520.

About a week ago R. D. Walker, A. H. Elftman and E. A. Wikson were appointed by J. Poulade, the referee in bankruptcy, as a board of appraisers. The three gentlemen visited the mill and appraised the value of the property at about \$2500. Originally the mill was worth a great deal more, but passing prospectors have helped themselves to different portions of the machinery and the plant has been slightly wrecked.

Among those present at the sale yesterday was G. F. Pyler, of San Jose, who is president of the Carlson company and one of the heaviest creditors of the concern. Mr. Pyler also represents three other large creditors. He stated last evening that he would endeavor to have the sale declared invalid, as certain requirements were not complied with. He has already been advised by the other creditors to endeavor to secure a larger sum for the sale of the plant.

"I had received an offer of \$5000 for the mill," said Mr. Pyler, "but found it impossible to have the auctioneer postpone the sale. As a heavy creditor of the company, I feel it my duty to secure the largest sum possible. The referee in bankruptcy ordered the sale held at 1:30 o'clock and contrary to this order the auction was advertised to be held at 2 o'clock. All the property was ordered sold, and instead only the mill and tools were disposed of. The claims against the company will run up in the thousands and the small sum obtained from the sale will in no way help to liquidate the indebtedness."

Mr. Pyler leaves this morning for Carson to file a demurrer to the sale, but expects to return shortly.

PRIZES FOR THE MASQUERADE ARE ON EXHIBITION

HURRY UP WITH YOUR COSTUME AND SECURE A VALUABLE AWARD

Prizes that will be awarded at the grand masquerade ball New Year's eve, will be on display this morning in the window of the Tonopah drug store, and the collection, as a whole, surpasses any like assortment gathered for the same purpose ever exhibited in this city. Intense interest is being taken in the affair, which will be given by the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, and as the merits of the Pythians as entertainers are well known in this city, there remains but little to be said as to the success of the ball.

A large number of costumes have been reserved at the Tonopah drug store, and the order will be forwarded to the costumers at San Francisco this morning. Nearly 50 costumes are spoken for, and in addition several extra suits will be in the consignment. Parties desiring outfits had better appear early or they will be compelled to be a silent spectator at the ball, for persons not masked and in costume will not be allowed on the floor until the time of unmasking.

The distribution of the prizes will be an event in itself, as will the three minute prize waltz.

BELIEVE DEATH WAS DUE TO ACCIDENT

Friends of J. A. Timlin, whose body was found a few days ago in a Chicago hotel and whose death was caused by a bullet wound in the abdomen, scoff at the suicide theory and state that they are of the belief that death was due to an accidental discharge of the revolver found in a suit case beside the body.

Timlin had left San Francisco about a week ago for the east, on a visit to his mother and sister, the former being quite ill. Just before his departure he wrote Newton Crumley of the Nevada Club, stating the purpose of the trip. Mr. Crumley has known Timlin for a number of years, both in this state and in Colorado, and states that he would be the last man he would expect of committing suicide. Timlin had prepared to go into business in San Francisco, to which city he intended to return about the first of the year.

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PROSPERITY OF NYE COUNTY SHOWN IN DELINQUENT LIST

Notwithstanding the Growth of Nye County the Delinquent Tax List is Exceedingly Small for the Past Year.

It looked for a while, during the tax collection period which has just closed, that there would be a good many delinquents in Nye county this year. But the finish was of the whirlwind character, and the delinquent list, which will appear for the first time tomorrow, is one of the smallest in the late history of Nye county.

Three apportionments have been made by the county treasurer, Frank P. Mannix, since taxes commenced to come in, on November 1. The last of these, made the other day, included the distribution of the various funds of \$82,210.60. Of this amount \$51,673.72 represents realty and poll taxes; \$3,357.31 represents bullion tax, and \$3,039.62 personal tax.

There were one year ago approximately 500 names on the delinquency list. This year, notwithstanding the fact that many lots were assessed in Ellendale, Pioneer and other places of a similar nature, there are only 364 names on the delinquency list. This speaks louder than words as showing the prosperous condition of the county. In Tonopah, especially, property owners have guarded their interests by paying their taxes promptly. Those who own or control acreage throughout the county have also protected their holdings. Even in the most barren and God-forsaken parts of the county, where sand dunes and sagebrush hold full sway, and where heretofore one would be considered daft to even think of taking up land, taxes have been promptly and even solicitously paid.

RESURRECTION OF CAPITOL CITY NOW COMPLETE

RENO, Dec. 22.—Shouting "Glory to God!" many Carsonites have repented the evils of their primrose paths and will hereafter, for a portion of the hereafter, tread only the straight and narrow thoroughfare.

Dr. Yoakum is responsible for the change that has come over Carson City's dream. He has aroused, or sub-consciously, the feelings, sentiments, egos, reasons and brainstorms of the capital to such an extent that they have resolved to sin no more.

A wholesale dealer in liquors and tobaccos today burned \$1700 worth of merchandise in the street while a thousand people shouted "Hallelujah!"

A former district attorney and now a newspaper man has fallen under the spell and hereafter the roulette wheel and soft toddy, to say nothing of the deceptive cigarette, will know him no more forever.

An alleged humorist, who admits the soft allegation, is sole authority for the rumor that he has become converted. Perish the thought!

All Reno was agitated today by receipt of news that Dick Bright had poured his stock of drinkables into the street. The latest rumor, however, lacks confirmation.

It was announced that Dr. Jokem, or whatever may be the correct etymology of his name, would appear in the Congregational church today and would heal the sick, lead the blind, and if necessary, raise the dead, but he had a call to a more needful territory, Virginia City, the call, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," having arrived after he had arranged with the Gospel mission to hold a seance in Reno.

Despite the fact that the big blackboard had been displayed in front of the Reno Congregational church noting the indefinite postponement of the soiree, there was a huge delegation present to witness the setting off of the spiritual fireworks.

It may be added as an afterthought that Carson City has been divested of practically all of its small coin by the doctor's visit, the contributions having been given from full purses at the inspiration of full hearts.

DISPLAY THAT IS WORTHY OF MENTION

One of the neatest displays in the grocery line can be observed at the Southern Nevada Mercantile company. The interior of the store also contains a vegetable display, and both are the work of Manager Dick Klepper. The line of vegetables carried by this concern consists of every garden truck article that can be secured and the display is so arranged in tiers that it requires but a minute to make your choice.

The vegetables are received daily by express, which insures that all the goods are fresh. One of the windows contains a wine and liquor display, over 40 different grades of wine being on exhibition. As the thrifty housewives have started to make preparations for the Christmas dinners, it would pay all to inspect the displays at the Southern Nevada before making the necessary purchases. Do not wait until the last minute when the clerks are overworked and deliveries may be delayed a few hours, but place your order at once and have the goods on time.

BIG CASINO WILL GIVE MATINEE CHRISTMAS DAY

A matinee will be given at the Big Casino Christmas afternoon and in addition to the regular numbers on the program, there will be dancing and boxing contests. The management has arranged for a four-round preliminary at 2 o'clock, which will be followed by a six-round go between Sid Humphreys and Kid Hill. This match should attract quite a crowd as both boxers are well versed in the science and will put up a fight that will be worth witnessing.

The regular show will be produced on this afternoon, the specialties having been placed on the program both before and after the boxing contests.

TOM HURLEY AT THE BUTLER TONIGHT

Another entire change of program will be shown at the Butler tonight. In addition to the pictures, Tom Hurley, a very funny comedian, will make his first appearance in Tonopah. Mr. Hurley has selected for his opening night, "Did He Run," and "My Irene," two popular songs. In addition to the songs he will try to tell you how it happened. The pictures are "Cowboy's Romance," "Dora," a big Biograph drama; "The Dragonader," and others.

ASSAULT CASE AGAINST CAPT. BELMONT DISMISSED

As was stated in yesterday morning's Bonanza, the case against Capt. Belmont, charged with assault with intent to kill, was dismissed yesterday in the district court on motion of the district attorney. Belmont was jointly indicted with Scott, who was acquitted Tuesday night, and in the face of the acquittal, it seemed almost certain that a conviction could not be secured. At the time the grand jury returned the indictments, it was requested that if the first case tried did not result in a conviction, that the second case be dismissed.

McKIM WILL TENDER PRESENTS ON FRIDAY

On next Friday at 2 p. m. the leathered covered couch and Morris chair will be given away at McKim's store and the lucky owners of two valuable articles of furniture may feel complimented on receiving such desirable Christmas presents. A dollar cash purchase may win either of the two gifts and, besides, you are receiving your money's worth when you purchase at McKim's. An appropriate line of Christmas goods is on hand and every article carries with it the guarantee of the house. Everybody is invited to be on hand at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon.

KEANE WONDER IMPROVING

The Rhyolite Herald says: Homer Wilson came in Tuesday bringing four bars of bullion, being the production of last month, from the Keane Wonder mine. The aggregate value will be between \$24,000 and \$25,000. This is the largest amount produced in any one month since the mill started, two years ago. Over \$10 per ton were recovered by amalgamation only. The reason of the increase is that the ore treated, three-fifths of which came from No. 4 tunnel, was of a higher grade than heretofore. Everything at the mine and mill is working and looking splendidly.

ARGUMENTS ON DEMURRER IN DISTRICT COURT

Arguments on a demurrer and a motion to make the complaint more definite, consumed the entire session yesterday of the district court in the case of Nye county versus former County Treasurer R. F. Gilbert and his bondsmen. The address yesterday was made by Attorney P. M. Bowler, who also spoke for the other attorneys representing the different defendants. From the construction of the law, as exemplified by Mr. Bowler, many decisions in the higher courts have been rendered, showing the suit to be based on mere fragments of law and that a number of adverse decisions have been handed down by eminent jurists.

Mr. Bowler's address was an interesting one and many people were drawn to the courtroom during the day to listen to the eloquent discourse. Key Pittman, who is engaged as special counsel by the county, will follow, and possibly will open his remarks today.

The suit is the result of the failure of the Nye and Ormsby County bank with some \$60,000 of the county's funds on deposit. Gilbert and his bondsmen are held responsible, although it has been clearly shown that the money was deposited in the bank by the order of the county commissioners, and had Gilbert so desired, he would have been powerless to withdraw the money without an order from the county commissioners.

Attorneys George B. Thatcher, W. P. Pittman and Judge J. F. Dennis also appear on behalf of the different co-defendants.

REMAINS OF DR. HUDGENS TO BE BURIED THURSDAY

The remains of Dr. A. L. Hudgens, who died suddenly in this city Monday evening, will be interred at the city cemetery Thursday afternoon, the services to be under the auspices of the local lodge of Masons. The arrangements for the funeral were completed yesterday.

EACH MIDWAY MINER PRESENTED WITH A TURKEY

MANAGEMENT SHOWS LIBERAL APPRECIATION FOR PAST SERVICES

That the management of the Midway mine appreciates the efforts of the employees, was shown yesterday afternoon when the day shift returned from its labors. Each man, in addition to his dinner pail, carried a huge turkey, the gift of the mine officials. In all there were 55 birds handed out and the fowls were far from being classed as dwarfs in size, for they were the largest that could be secured.

The pride with which the gifts were displayed to the less fortunate fellow workers in other mines, plainly showed that the employees appreciated the act of the management.

The real appreciation, however, will not be shown until tomorrow, when the miners will do justice to a Christmas meal fit for a king. Of course the men will not work on this day for it would not be appropriate, and besides the turkey can best be appreciated after a person has lounged around the house several hours, getting an occasional glimpse of the bird as it is browning in the oven.

The only kick we have is that there were not turkeys enough to reach to this office, but then we always did like corned beef and cabbage.

THREE MEN HAVE EACH OTHER ARRESTED

A rather complicated case was called in the justice court yesterday and after a brief, but interesting, lecture by the court, was dismissed. The proceedings started several days ago when M. D. Madden, of the Hanbattan hotel, was arrested on a warrant sworn to by George Moore, charging assault and battery. Madden then filed a complaint of disturbing the peace against A. Fritsch, who was arrested. Fritsch turned around and had Madden arrested the second time, charging assault. Madden then wanted Moore placed under bonds to keep the peace. The tangle was becoming somewhat interesting and had the trial been postponed a few days longer, there is no telling what might have happened. After a short conference in the court yesterday all the complaining parties decided to withdraw their suits and the difficulties were amicably settled.

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MINERS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DYNAMITE

EXPLOSION RESULTS FROM ATTEMPT TO THAW THIRTY-TWO STICKS OF POWDER

An explosion of dynamite occurred a few days ago at Round Mountain which came near causing the death of several persons. The news of the accident was brought to Tonopah by Judge George F. Foley, who is in from the hydraulic camp on legal business.

Miners employed doing assessment work on the Townsite shaft had placed 32 sticks of dynamite close to a fire to thaw out. When the noon hour approached, the men went down the shaft to eat, as the weather was quite cold on top. They had hardly seated themselves when a terrific explosion was heard. Residents of the camp hurried to the scene expecting to find nothing but fragments of the men. Every window within 100 yards of the shaft was broken and the buildings completely shaken up. A hole of sufficient dimensions to answer for the annual assessment work resulted from the accident.

L. Amundsen, driving one of the Thomas flyers, passed the scene but a few seconds before, and had hardly proceeded 10 feet from the spot when the dynamite exploded. Had he been opposite the powder, which was but a few feet from the road, it is probable that the paint on the machine would have been scratched. The auto contained several passengers.

SKINNER CASE SET FOR JANUARY 11

Fred W. Skinner, the once convicted murderer of Mona Bell, appeared in the district court yesterday for the purpose of being notified that his case would be set for trial on January 11, 1910, and was asked that his counsel be present at that time.

Skinner informed the court that he had counsel in Reno, who would be present on the date specified. The prisoner then made a motion on his own behalf, asking that he be admitted to bail. The motion was set for hearing on the same date that his case will be set for trial. While the identity of Skinner's attorney is not known, it is presumed to be L. A. Gibbons, formerly of this city, who defended him at the first trial, which resulted in a verdict of murder in the first degree. Gibbons is expected to arrive shortly from the north.

A close and interested listener to the proceedings yesterday was the prisoner's wife, who arrived several months ago to aid her husband in securing his liberty. She has been a constant visitor to the jail during her present residence in Tonopah, and is exerting every effort to cheer the man who once deserted her to live with the companion he afterwards murdered.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

J. E. McNAMARA IS HONORED BY RE-ELECTION TO PRESIDING OFFICE

Tonopah Council, Knights of Columbus, held its regular election of officers last evening at Butler hall, which resulted in the re-election of J. E. McNamara as grand knight. The remaining officers are as follows: Deputy grand knight, John S. McGinn; chancellor, E. A. Keller; recorder, J. P. Stenson; financial secretary, William M. Roehle; lecturer, Hugh Tarpey; advocate, Bernard Slavin; warden, John Troy; inside guard, John Grace; outside guard, Martin Kennedy; trustees, D. J. Robb and Frank P. Mannix. The council will install the new officers on Thursday, January 13.

A DEAD SHOT

Mrs. Stevens, wife of Engineer W. W. Stevens of the Mizpah, returned Sunday from Oregon, where she spent the past two months. The object of her trip was to train "Prince," a dog that has developed into a great hunter. Mrs. Stevens is one of the few women who can handle a rifle or repeating shotgun. She is a true sportswoman. She has medals and honors galore. Why not more ladies of her kind who can hunt an dbring home the game?